GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – PR&RD – Irregularities noticed in implementation of Individual Household Latrines (IHHL) programme under Swachh Bharath Mission in Peapually Mandal of Kurnool District by the staff of Panchayat Raj & Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Departments – Common disciplinary proceedings initiated – Inquiry under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 - Article of Charges framed against Sri M.Devanand Amrutha Raj, Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool district (Suspected Officer-1) - Orders – Issued.

PR&RD (VIGILANCE-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 623 Dated: 06-11-2020.

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G.O.Ms.No.684, PR & RD (Vigilance-IV) Department, dated 06-11-2020.

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O R D E R :

In continuation of the orders issued under Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 in the reference read above, it is considered necessary to hold an enquiry against Sri M.Devanand Amrutha Raj, Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool district (Suspected Officer-1) under Rule 20 of the said rules. The substance of the imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I) and the imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of witnesses by whom and a list of documents by which the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

2. Sri M.Devanand Amrutha Raj, Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool district (Suspected Officer-1) is directed to submit a written statement of his defence, within ten days of the receipt of this Order.

3. Sri M.Devanand Amrutha Raj, Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool district (Suspected Officer-1) is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

4. Sri M.Devanand Amrutha Raj, Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool district (Suspected Officer-1) is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 2 above, or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders / directions issued in pursuance of the said rules the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

5. Attention of Sri M.Devanand Amrutha Raj, Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool district (Suspected Officer-1) is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in

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these proceedings, it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

6. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The individuals concerned.
(through Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Tadepalli, Guntur District with a request to serve the G.O on to the individual & furnish served copy with dated acknowledgement).

Copy to :

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Secretariat Building no.5, Velgapudi, Guntur District.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, AP, 2nd floor, NTR Administrative block, Pandit Nehru Bus Stand, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department, Tadepalli, Guntur District
The Collector, Kurnool District.
The Chief Executive Officer, Kurnool District.
The Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool district
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A N N E X U R E – I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI. MYLA DEVANAND AMRUTHA RAJ, S/O M.D.DEVA RAJ, MANDAL PARISHAD DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, PEAPULLY MANDAL, KURNOOL DISTRICT

That Sri Myla Devanand Amrutha Raj joined into Government Service as Mandal Parishad Development Officer on 04.04.2007 and worked at Peddakadubur, Dhone Mandals, in Kurnool district, Penukonda Mandal of Ananathapuram District and worked as MPDO in the O/o.Mandal Praja Parishad, Peapully from 11.06.2014 to 07.03.2018. While working as Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Peapully Mandal he has committed grave misconduct in as much as :

Charge : He failed to conduct proper physical verification of IHHLs before recommending for release of payments and he made irregular recommendation for payment of subsidy amounts to the beneficiaries during implementation of IHHL scheme under Swachh Bharat Mission program due to which irregular payment of Rs.7,34,000/- was made to the in-eligible persons. Thus, Sri Myla Devanandam Amrutha Raj, Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool district, by his above mentioned acts, has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of public servant and there by contravened Rules 3 (1), 3 (2) & 3 (5) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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A N N E X U R E - II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI. MYLA DEVANAND AMRUTHA RAJ MANDAL PARISHAD DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, PEAPULLY MANDAL, KURNOOL DISTRICT.

That Sri Myla Devanand Amrutha Raj, S/o.M.D.Deva Raj, joined into Government Service as Mandal Parishad Development Officer on 04.04.2007 and worked at Peddakadubur, Dhone, in Kurnool district, Penukonda of Ananathapuram District and worked as Mandal Parishad Development Officer in the Office of the Mandal Praja Parishad, Peapully from 11.06.2014 to 07.03.2018. The date of birth of Sri Myla Devanand Amrutha Raj was on 01.06.1978 and he attains the age of superannuation on 31-05-2038. He is here-in-after referred to as Government Servant (GS). While working as Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Peapully Mandal, he committed grave misconduct in as much as :

Charge : The Charged Officer failed to conduct proper physical verification of IHHLs before recommending for release of payments and he made irregular recommendation for payment of subsidy amounts to the beneficiaries during implementation of IHHL scheme under Swachh Bharat Mission program due to which irregular payment of Rs.7,34,000/- was made to the in-eligible persons.

Facts and Evidence : Sri Buggana Rajendranath Reddy, MLA, Dhone, Kurnool District sent a petition to the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, that irregularities took place in implementation of the IHHL scheme in Jakkasani Kuntla, Chandrapalli, Vutakonda, Peddapaya, Madhavaram and Racharla Villages of Peapully mandal, Kurnool District. The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau endorsed the said petition to the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau Kurnool to conduct enquiry. Accordingly, the Deputy Superintendent of Police conducted the enquiry. The enquiry revealed that the Central Government had been implementing IHHL scheme under SBM- Grameena Program and the same has been in implementation since 2nd October, 2014 in a saturation mode under 100% subsidy. As part of implementation of scheme of peapully mandal and the IKP / Velugu staff visited the villages conducted survey and found that latrines were not existing in the villages and kept the list in RWS website and the same list was identified as beneficiaries under IHHL scheme. The scheme also provides that apart from the said list if any eligible beneficiary found in the village can also apply for IHHL Latrine and after due enquiry by the concerned Panchayat Secretary the Government would sanction IHHL Latrine. The Government has also decided in some of the villages to allow Non Government Organizations to construct IHHL Latrines in the villages after Gram Panchayat passes resolution to that effect. After construction of IHHL, State vide verification would be done such as geo tagging by the concerned employee, recording of m-books, check measuring, etc and after completion of these verifications the unit cost of Rs.12,000/- for 4 x 3 size and Rs.15,000/- for 4 x 6 size latrines would be released to the bank accounts of concerned NGOs / beneficiaries. The amount would be sanctioned to the beneficiaries in two phases, i.e., (1) after construction of soak pit tank-1st phase amount Rs.5,000/- and (2) after completion of construction of IHHL latrine-2nd phase amount of Rs.7,000/- will be remitted to the beneficiaries bank account.

During the enquiry it is found that for proper implementation of the scheme and making payment to the applications, the MPDO has to make physical verification of construction of latrine before recommending for release of payments and in case of any payment is made to the beneficiaries irregularly the concerned MPDO is responsible and to this extent the District Collector also issued orders that during implementation of the program payments can be made to the beneficiaries only after physical verification and satisfaction of the Mandal level Team of officials.

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During the course of enquiry a letter has been addressed to the Superintendent Engineer, R&B, with a request to nominate a team of officials of AE, R&B to accompany ACB officials to Jakkasani Kuntla, Chandrapalli, Vutakonda, Peddapaya, Madhavaram and Racharla Villages of peapually Mandal to assess the approximate age of the doubtful latrines. Accordingly, Sri V.Ravichandra, AEE, R&B, Peapully Mandal was nominated for the verification approximate age construction of the said latrines is more than 4 years. Sri Ravichandra gave a detailed report along with Xerox photographs of the IHHLs which were taken photograph at the time of the physical verification vide C.No.Nil/2018, dated 09-04-2018.

The details of the said IHHL Latrines which appear to have been constructed prior to four years before inspection are as follows :

Assessment details of ages of constructed latrines and amounts sanctioned :

Sl No	Beneficiary ID	Name of the beneficiary	Probable age of IHHL	Name of the village	Remarks	Amount sanctioned (as per online data) Rs.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Jakkasanikuntla Grampanchayat						
1	48969359	Ramanjaneyulu Reddy	4 – 5 years old	D.Rangapuram	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 4 – 5 years old	12,000
Chandrapalli Grampanchayat						
2	135312669	B.M.Shah Imamsha	5 – 6 years old	Chandrapalli	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 5 – 6 years old	15,000
3	48937067	Besthakeshappa	7 – 8 years old	Chandrapalli	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 7 – 8 years old	15,000
4	33562895	M.Srenivasulu	4 – 5 years old	Chandrapalli	Year displaced on house, i.e., 2013. Latrine constructed along with building	15,000
5	48937183	Narayana	No latrine	Chandrapalli	Latrine does not exist	15,000
6	33563262	Madhava Reddy	9 – 10 years old	Chandrapalli	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 9 – 10 years old	15,000
7	48937154	R.Chinna Kambabba	No latrine	Chandrapalli	Latrine does not exist	15,000
8	33563138	Susilamma	4 – 5 years old	Chandrapalli	Latrine constructed along with building and assessed 4 – 5 years old	15,000
9	48937189	E.Nirmalamma	5 – 6 years old	Chandrapalli	Latrine constructed separately	15,000
10	33563263	Suryanarayana	7 – 8 years old	Chandrapalli	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 7 – 8 years old	12,000
11	33563060	U.Kastaiah	7 – 8 years old	Chandrapalli	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 7 – 8 years old	12,000

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	Peddapaya Grampanchayat					
12	17777312	M.Raju	7 – 8 years old	Peddapaya	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 7 – 8 years old	15,000
13	49059660	Konda Chandra	5 – 6 years old	Peddapaya	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 5 – 6 years old	15,000
	Utakonda Grampanchayat					
14	48975958	A.Chowdeswari	5 – 6 years old	Gopalnagaram	Latrine constructed along with building assessed 5 – 6 years old	15,000
15	48927101	B.Pullaiah	6 – 7 years old	Utakonda	Latrine constructed along with building. Assessed 6 – 7 years old	12,000
16	48927135	C.H.Dastagiri	4 – 5 years old	Utakonda	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 4 – 5 years old	12,000
17	48927112	Chandranna	4 – 5 years old	Utakonda	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 4 – 5 years old	12,000
18	48927073	M.Nageswar Reddy	5 – 6 years old	Utakonda	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 5 – 6 years old	12,000
19	48927039	M.Pakkirappa	5 – 6 years old	Utakonda	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 5 – 6 years old	12,000
20	48150653	N.Ramanjaneyulu	Old bathroom converted into latrine	Utakonda	Bath room constructed along with building 4 – 5 years back. In that latrine basin was kept	12,000
21	48927136	P.Dashagiri	4 – 5 years old	Utakonda	Constructed along with building. Building assessed 4 – 5 years old	12,000
22	48927077	Shabu Reddy	5 – 6 years old	Gopalnagaram	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 5 – 6 years old	15,000
23	33614374	Shaik Shamshad Bee	6 – 7 years old	Gopalnagaram	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 6 – 7 years old	12,000
24	48926987	Yella Reddy	4 – 5 years old	Utakonda	Latrine constructed individually. It seems to be 4 – 5 years old	12,000
	Madhavaram Grampanchayat					
25	33562337	Venkatalakshmi	7 – 8 years old	Garladinne	Latrine constructed along with building	12,000
26	49028994	Venkateshwarlu	7 – 8 years old	Garladinne	Latrine constructed along with building	12,000
27	33562162	Venkatramudu	4 – 5 years old	Madhavaram	Building constructed 8 to 10 years back. Latrine attached to building 4 to 5 years back.	12,000

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28	33562330	Yeddula Nagaraju	Bathroom converted into latine	Garladinne	Bath room is 6 to 7 years old. Only basin was kept. There is no soak pit	12,000
29	135235749	Barike Parameswari	6 – 7 years old	Madhavaram	Latrine constructed along with building. Building constructed 6 to 7 years back	15,000
30	154521644	Malireddy Pedda Pulla Reddy	5 – 6 years old	Madhavaram	Attached to building	15,000
31	135266491	Peyeti Lakshmi Devei	5 – 6 years old	Madhavaram	Individual. Not attached to main building	15,000
32	154521912	B.Chandrudu	No latrine	Madhavaram	Existing structure dismantled. There is no latrine	15,000
33	135542503	B.Anjaneyulu	6 – 7 years old	Madhavaram	Individual. Not attached to main building	15,000
34	135347054	Talari Chinna Linganna	7 – 8 years old	Madhavaram	Individual	15,000
35	18953431	Dulla Suvarna	No latrine	Garladinne	Latrine does not exist	5,000
	Racherla Grampanchayat					
36	33562381	Tekuri Meena Kumari	6 – 7 years old	Racherla	Latrine constructed with building about 6 – 7 years back	12,000
37	33614341	T.Sujatha	6 – 7 years old	Racherla	Individual	12,000
38	49029010	Shaik Shareef	6 – 7 years old	Racherla	Individual	12,000
39	48238228	Vadagandlla Sukanya	8 – 9 years old	Racherla	Latrine constructed along with building. Building constructed 8 – 9 years back	12,000
40	48149561	Gudise Lalithamma	5 – 6 years old	Racherla	Individual	12,000
41	33614399	Kurakula Sasikala	7 – 8 years old	Racherla	Latrine constructed along with building. Building constructed 7 to 8 years back	12,000
42	33614552	Sunnapu Lakshmidevi	No latrine	Racherla	Latrine doesn't exist	12,000
43	33562213	Shaik Bibi	No latrine	Racherla	Latrine doesn't exist	12,000
44	33614334	C.Lakshmi	6 – 7 years old	Racherla	Individual	12,000
45	33614205	T.Kambamgari Ramudu	2 – 3 years old	Racherla	Without walls and roof, latrine basin was kept	12,000
46	33562498	Rajini Yadav	No latrine	Racherla	Latrine not exist	15,000
47	48238478	Gosanipalli Kumari	No latrine	Racherla	Latrine not exist	12,000
48	33562218	Moula bi	7 – 8 years old	Racherla	Individual	12,000
49	49029003	Allagadda Narayanamma	6 – 7 years old	Racherla	Latrine constructed along with building. Building constructed 6 to 7 years back.	12,000
50	33562394	Gantala Bhaskar Reddy	6 – 7 years old	Racherla	Latrine constructed along with building. Building constructed 6 to 7 years back	12,000
51	33614354	Malitisubadhra	8 – 9 years old	Racherla	Latrine constructed along with building. Building constructed 8 to 9 years back	12,000

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52	49029008	Kumarri Maddilety	6 – 7 years old	Racherla	Latrine constructed separately. It seems 6 to 7 years old	12,000
53	33562371	Shaik Rameeja Bi	6 – 7 years old	Racherla	Latrine constructed separately. It seems 6 to 7 years old	12,000
54	49029016	M.Suvarna	No latrine	Racherla	Latrine not exist	12,000
55	135438893	Shaik Vannur Bee	6 – 7 years old	Racherla	Latrine constructed along with building. Building constructed 6 to 7 years back	12,000
56	48238226	Kumarri Chinnamma	9 – 10 years old	Racherla	Individual. Not attached to house	12,000
57	48238452	Thangasani Nagarathanamma	8 – 9 years old	Racherla	Latrine constructed along with building. Building constructed 8 to 9 years back	12,000
58	48149168	V.Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy	5 – 6 years old	Racherla	Latrine constructed separately. It seems 5 to 6 years old	12,000

The details of amounts paid irregularly to the beneficiaries' village wise are as follows :

Sl.No.	Name of the village	Payment made Irregularly (Amount in Rs.)
1	Jakkasanikuntla	12,000-00
2	Chandrapalli	1,44,000-00
3	Peddapaya	30,000-00
4	Utakonda	1,38,000-00
5	Madhavaram	1,43,000-00
6	Rachaerla	2,67,000-00
	TOTAL	**7,34,000-00**

The inquiry revealed that Sri Myla Devanand Amrutha Raj has recommended to release payment to the beneficiaries under Swatch Bharath machine (SBM) individual Household Latrine (IHHL) Scheme in Racherla, Jakkasanikunta, Vutakonda, Madhavaram, Chandrapalli, Peddapaya village of Peapully Mandal, Kurnool district without physical verification of age of year of construction of IHHLs and thereby made irregular payment of Rs.7,34,000/- to the beneficiaries.

Thus, Sri Myla Devanandam Amrutha Raj, Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool district, by his above mentioned acts, has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of public servant and there by contravened Rules 3 (1), 3 (2) & 3 (5) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

The Government Servant has therefore, rendered himself liable for regular departmental action for major penalty.

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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A N N E X U R E – III

List of witnesses in support of the Charges proposed to be sustained.

1. Sri M.Visweswara Naidu, Zilla Parishath Chief Executive Officer, Kurnool.
2. Sri J.Hari Babu, Superintendent Engineer, RWS&S Department, Kurnool.
3. Sri V.Ravi Chandra, Assistant Executive Engineer, R&D Department, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District.
4. Mandal Parishath Development Officer, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District.
5. Sri Buggana Rajendranath, MLA, Done and Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, A.P.Legislative Assembly.
6. Sri S.Khader Basha, Inspector of Police, ACB, Kunrool Range, Kurnool.

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A N N E X U R E – IV

List of documents in support of the Charges proposed to be sustained.

1.Rc.No.C/83, dated 03-01-2018-1, of Mandal Parishath Development Officer, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District.

2.Rc.No.C/83, dated 03-01-2018-2, of Mandal Parishath Development Officer, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District.

3.Lr.No.C3/781/2013, dated 08-01-2018 of Superintendent Engineer, (i/c), RWS&S, Kurnool.

4.Rc.No.A8/12/2018, dated 17-01-2018, of Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishath, Kurnool District.

5.Rc.No.E6/508/2017, dated 05-03-2018, of Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishath, Kurnool District.

6.Rc.No.E6/508/2017, dated 22-03-2018, of Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishath, Kurnool District.

7.C.No.Nil/2018, dated 09-04-2018, of AEE, R&B, Peapully, Kurnool District.

8.Rc.No.C/65/2017, dated 12-06-2018, of Mandal Parishath Development Officer, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District.

9.Written Statement of Sri Buggana Rajendranath, MLA, Dhone, Kurnool District & Public Accounts Committee Chairman, AP Legislative Assembly.

10.Written Statement of Sri J.Hari Babu, Superintendent Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation, (RWS&S) Department, Kurnool.

11.Written Statement of Sri M.Veswawara Naidu, Zilla Parishath Chief Executive Officer, Kurnool.

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